

What is Claimed is:

1. A method of operating a processor based postage metering system having an executable code running on the processor based postage metering system, the executable code operable for controlling creation of a document by a user giving input data to the processor based postage metering system, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting first and second fold configurations for the document from a plurality of possible fold configurations;

identifying to the processor based postage metering system the selected first and second fold configurations;

creating the document within the processor based postage metering system under control of the executable code;

within the processor based postage metering system automatically determining based on the selected first fold configuration a first designated location within the document for printing a first evidence of postage;

within the processor based postage metering system automatically determining based on the selected second fold configuration a second designated location within the document for printing a second evidence of postage; and

printing the document and the first and second evidence of postage such that the first and second evidences of postage are respectively printed in the first and second designated locations of the document.

2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first evidence of postage is one of a postal revenue block and a postage indicia.

3. A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the second evidence

of postage is one of a postal revenue block, a postage indicia and a return postage data block.

4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first designated location is on an opposite side of the document from the second designated location.

5. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first designated location is on a same side of the document as the second designated location.

6. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein after the printing step the document is folded in a first manner such that the first evidence of postage is visible while the second evidence of postage is not.

7. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the automatic determination of the first and second designated locations is also based on secondary data.

8. A method as recited in claim 7, wherein the secondary data includes at least one of envelope dimensions including window position, document orientation, fold orientation, and document size.

9. A processor based postage metering system comprising:
means for entering user input data including first and second fold configurations selected from a plurality of fold configurations;
means for accounting for postage dispensed by the processor based postage metering system;
a document program running on the processor based postage metering system, the document program operable for controlling creation of a document based on the user input data;

004007 4050
00507 200200

means for automatically determining based on the first fold configuration a first designated location within the document for printing a first evidence of postage;

means for automatically determining based on the second fold configuration a second designated location within the document for printing a second evidence of postage; and

means for printing the document and the first and second evidences of postage such that the first and second evidences of postage are respectively printed in the first and second designated locations of the document.

ADD AC 7

2025-07-20 10:00:00